

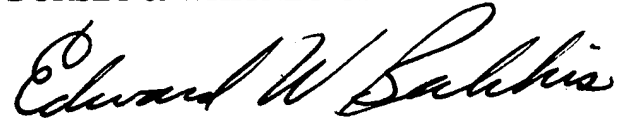
REMARKS

Claims 17-18, 30-31, 39-40 and 44-45 are pending in this application. In the Office Action dated July 29, 2004, the Examiner took the following action: (1) rejected claims 17-18, 30-31, 39-40 and 44-45 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of co-pending Application Numbers 09/803,365, 10/043,462, 10/043,680, 10/043,683, 10/410,575; and (2) rejected claims 17-18, 30-31, 39-40 and 44-45 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the pending claims of co-pending Application Numbers 10/122,943, 10/405,069, 10/039,815, 10/119,550 and 10/753,895.

Applicants are hereby placing claims 17-18, 30-31, 39-40 and 44-45 in condition for allowance by filing a terminal disclaimer over the above listed co-pending applications.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a timely Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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